

MINUTES

OF THE

PHILADELPHIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

OF THE

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

Convened March 23d, 1853,

AT HARRISBURG.

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The Philadelphia Annual Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church convened at Harrisburg, Pa., on Wednesday, March 23rd, 1853. Bishop Morris took the chair at 9, A. M., and opened the conference with reading the Scriptures, singing, and prayer.

The roll was then called and members present answered to their names.

P. Coombe was elected Secretary, and J. W. Meeckley, and V. Smith, assistants.

A. Wallace, and R. Owen were, on motion, appointed to prepare the Minutes for publication.

The following Stewards were then elected by ballot, to serve this conference; James Cunningham, Wm. Cooper, W. Barnes, J. T. Hazzard, and G. Orem; and Friday, at 10, A. M., was designated as the time for receiving the Conference and ten cent collections.

The usual Standing Committees were then appointed by the chair, as follows:

- ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—Joseph Mason, Newton Heston, M. D. Kurtz.
- ON THE BIBLE CAUSE.—D. W. Bartine, Wm. H. Elliott.
- ON EDUCATION.—F. Hodgson, G. R. Crooks, H. M. Johnson, J. A. Roach, C. Karsner.
- ON TEMPERANCE.—Wm. M. D. Ryan, T. Sumption, T. Newman.
- ON FINANCE.—John Ruth, C. J. Crouch, S. Townsend.
- ON POST OFFICES.—J. L. Taft, M. H. Sisty.

Quest. 1. *What preachers have been received on trial?*

Henry H. Hickman,	Wm. M. Warner,	George A. Phoebus,
Joseph S. Lane,	James P. Merritt,	George P. Leatherbury,
Joseph Smith,	Robert W. Todd,	Samuel Dobson.
Wm. M. Dalrymple,	Thomas Childs,	

Quest. 2. Who remain on trial?

Michael A. Day,  
Andrew Longacre,  
Francis B. Harvey,  
John F. Chaplain;

John O'Neil,  
Charles R. Currey,  
Thomas B. Miller,  
Edward Townsend,  
Wm. H. Manlove.

John T. Gracey,  
Levi B. Beckley,  
John B. Dennison,  
Abel Howard,

Quest. 3. Who are admitted into full connection?

James N. King,  
G. W. McLaughlin,  
John F. Meredith,  
Wm. C. Robinson,  
Joseph Gregg,

Daniel Titlow,  
James W. Hammersly,  
Thomas W. Simpser,  
Joseph S. Cook,  
Henry A. Hobbs,

Samuel W. Thomas,  
Silas C. Palmiter,  
T. Snowden Thomas,  
Isaac W. Wiley.

Quest. 4. Who are the Deacons?

John F. Boon,  
Reuben Owen,  
John H. Alday,  
John B. Quigg,  
James Hubbard,  
\*James N. King,  
\*G. W. McLaughlin,  
\*John F. Meredith,

George W. Brindle,  
Lewis C. Pettit,  
James H. Lightburn,  
Wm. B. Wood,  
John J. Jones,  
\*Joseph Gregg,  
\*Daniel Titlow,  
\*James W. Hammersly,

Thomas W. Simpser,  
Joseph S. Cook,  
Silas C. Palmiter,  
\*Wm. C. Robinson,  
\*Samuel W. Thomas,  
\*T. Snowden Thomas,  
\*Henry A. Hobbs.

\*Ordained this year.

Quest. 5. Who have been elected and ordained Elders this year?

Wm. L. Boswell,  
Wm. H. Burrell,

Wm. Merrill,  
Charles L. Steinman,

John Thompson,

Quest. 6. Who have been located this year?

John D. Onins, at his own request.

Quest. 7. Who are the supernumeraries?

John Tally,  
George Barton,  
Wm. Quinn,  
S. Higgins,

J. Neill,  
James Mitchell,  
Samuel Grace,  
George Lacey,

J. D. Long,  
H. G. King,  
Jonathan Turner.

Quest. 8. Who are the superannuated or worn out preachers?

George Wiltshire,  
Henry White,

M. Sorin,  
John Lednum,

P. Hallowell.

Quest. 9. Who have been expelled from the connection this year?

None.

Quest. 10. Who have withdrawn from the connection this year?

None.

Quest. 11. Where all the preachers' characters examined?

This was strictly attended to by calling over their names before the conference.

Quest. 12. Who have died this year?

None.

	White members.	White probationers.	Colored members.	Colored probationers.	Local preachers.	Colored preachers.	Schools.	Officers & Teachers.	Scholars.	Books.	Missionary money.	Bible money.	Education money.	S. School money.
<i>N. Phila. District.</i>														
St. George's,	876	160			4	1	35	183	1077		332 38	42 00	5 00	12 00
Trinity,	320	9			3	1	34	166	1176		824 26	95 00	18 77	27 72
Eighth Street,	724	27			2	1	45	311	1746		815 00	54 07	15 00	9 00
Fifth Street,	551	39			4	3	70	510	1540		257 58	26 05	17 23	26 73
St. John's,	480	76			3	1	70	664	1200		390 00	15 35	6 25	12 14
Kensington,	587	85			4	3	66	407	1221		229 24	14 37	8 87	8 68
Sanctuary,	200	130			2	1	32	368	495		100 00	5 00		5 00
New Market St.,	289	63			1	1	50	300	1025		168 00	5 05	4 55	5 00
Twelfth Street,	394	84			2	1	46	705	740		120 00	18 42	9 56	9 95
Cohoocksink,	135	65			1	1	29	450	580		15 36	5 00	3 75	6 25
Bethlehem,	160	18			3	1	36	230	1350		41 65			
N. City H. Miss.,	124	84				4	64	600						
Summerfield Miss.,	69	26			1	1	35	206	700		5 00			
Port Richmond,	82	3			1	1	24	135	600					
Zoar,			140	4	2	1	15	60	500					
Milestown,	286	9	3	4	4	4	63	380	860		40 15	13 24	3 29	5 11
Lehm. Chap. & Fairv.,	60	15	1	1	2	1	16	110	155		3 21	3 50	3 32	3 29
Doylestown,	65	10			1	2	20	80	300		8 00	4 00	2 00	4 00
Frankford,	300	40	1	5	2	2	67	390	669		67 42	5 70	5 75	7 90
Bridesburg,	78	29			1	1	19	120	456		43 75	3 00	3 00	5 00
Bustleton,	290	7			4	5	68	356	1259		66 41	7 68	6 00	2 50
Bristol,	116	88	2	2	1	3	33	205	762		8 08	5 81	4 56	4 48
Attleborough,	200	50			1	4	50	200	1000		57 00	10 00	6 00	2 50
Newtown,	342	96	2	2	6	6	62	260	900		36 86	17 88	7 50	8 85
Allent'n & Bethlehem,	38	2			1	1	13	90	407		11 50	3 34		
Quakertown Mission,	45	8	2		1	1	5	34	186					
Easton,	262	52	12	1	3	82	335	1850			83 50	15 00	6 00	5 00
Richmond,	150	30			1	4	55	225	950		62 50		2 00	3 75
Stroudsburg,	244	71			5	7	80	500	1000		21 00			6 96
	7467	1376	163	6	55	2					3808 35	369 79	137 40	181 31
<i>S. Phila. District.</i>														
Union,	779	25			2	8	119	661	2080		1373 51	86 85	22 80	13 05
Nazereth,	719	93			3	1	72	630	1691		303 65	12 05	7 55	14 04
Ebenezer,	764	104			8	3	73	465	1150		216 72	8 33	7 35	7 00
Mariner's Bethel,	308	32			4	1	36	300	750		127 71	6 34	4 37	8 00
Wharton Street,	472	32			8	1	70	600	1000		101 05	8 32	7 30	6 62
St. Paul's,	461	65			6	1	52	420	1075			26 06	6 28	5 25
Salem,	632	100			4	1	32	394	790		235 70	30 50	8 47	17 00
Western Church,	173	39			4	2	44	234	940		196 62	8 50	4 63	6 91
Asbury,	250	30			5	2	45	300	1100		15 00	18 00	5 00	6 00
Kelly S. City Miss.,														
John Wesley,			71	2	3	1	5	28	400					
Had. & Monrv. Miss.,	91	1			2	21	216	1724			17 00	3 06	4 09	
Radnor,	273	75	2	4	7	66	394	1375			35 00	10 45	7 04	8 37
Village Green,	336	66	1	2	6	98	571	1582			27 16	10 11	9 32	7 28
Rockdale,	115	62	1	1	1	25	225	550			30 25	4 34	2 62	5 00
West Chester,	225	26			1	26	275	600	50 00					
Lancaster, 1st Church,	195	38	2		2	42	224	1000			84 73	44 72	14 00	9 86
" 2d Church,	56	32			1	1	22	151	500		75 65	3 37	1 67	2 73
Safe Harbor,	125	5	1	2	3	50	240	770			13 00	5 00	5 00	4 25
Columbia,	266	20			3	2	55	242	1700					
Marietta,	94	20			1	2	27	200	700		14 00	4 37	2 76	2 32
Mount Joy & Bainbr'g,	78	54			2	24	109	1114			22 32	8 50	4 80	5 00
Harrisburg,	300	70			2	2	43	400	910		171 00		20 20	6 07
Dauph. & Humlst. Mis.	170	40	1	3	5	62	258	600			14 00	6 37	3 50	7 00
Halifax,	302	55			5	6	98	510	1330		70 00	7 53	7 66	6 64
	7184	1084	79	2	69	3					3194 10	323 64	156 41	148 39

	White members.	White probationers.	Colored members.	Colored probationers.	Local preachers.	Colored preachers.	Schools.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.	Books.	Missionary money.	Bible money.	Education money.	Sunday school money.
<i>Reading District.</i>														
Reading, Ebenezer,	175	15						35	136	500	68 00	10 00		
" St. Peters Miss.,	130	5			1		1	25	170	350			2 53	2 08
Pottsville, 1st church														
and St. Clair,	201	2	2	3	2	2	66	330	1030	340 00	7 72			
" 2d church,	110	14		1	1	1	30	210	600	60 00	5 52	10 75		
Springfield,	628	93		6	10	118	510	1055	125 72	19 88	3 22	3 50		
Pottstown,	284	113	1	2	2	90	622	1243	32 59	9 76	7 55	14 16		
Phoenixville Mission,	115	25		2	7	27	175	715	13 62	5 80	2 75	7 20		
Bethel and Evansburg,	115	6		1	4	21	115	690	21 72	6 04	2 50	4 00		
Grove,	335	180	2	2	7	100	412	2350	122 51	30 00	5 20	3 62		
Norristown,	169	43			1	31	176	459	40 00	3 06		7 35		
Manayunk, Mt. Zion,	224	36			7	75	654	2245	93 50	12 63	3 71	8 06		
" Ebenezer,	132	62			2	35	245	836	12 63	4 62		3 25		
Germantown,	290	53			1	50	352	900	411 73	15 00	10 00	10 63		
Chesnut Hill Mission,	71	19	1		3	34	182	500	59 22	4 53	5 12	7 00		
Lebanon,	220	12	13	1	2	55	181	1150	59 26		4 22	4 40		
Tremont and Pine														
Grove Mission,	46	12	1		1	18	96	600	12 00	2 00	2 00	2 00		
Minersville,	114	18			3	58	295	1247	37 00					
Port Carbon,	142	33			1	25	306	675	135 00	37 00	8 00	5 00		
Schuykill Haven and														
Port Clinton,	47	22			1	15	100	200	1 50	2 38	1 40	1 83		
Tamaqua Mission,	146	22			6	41	230	1178	40 00	18 00	5 22	5 00		
Mauch Chunk,	160				4	68	315	1539	6 51	3 54	3 46	4 73		
<i>Wilmington District.</i>	3854	785	20	35					1680 08	197 48	77 55	108 01		
Wilmington, Asbury,	637	90			3	116	614	1570	240 00	50 00	10 00	13 02		
" St. Pauls,	202	10			1	35	175	750	291 60	63 95	17 56	15 00		
" Union,	290	63			2	34	225	400	70 86		4 58	13 07		
" E. Zion,			338	28	3	14	130	90						
New Castle,	72	14			1	17	80	400	19 50	4 60	2 25	4 00		
Delaware City,	335	60	71	1	4	60	277	1321	25 93	8 73	6 40	4 69		
Middletown & Cant- well's Bridge,														
Newark,	167	25	63	25	2	22	120	600	46 00	8 88	5 65	4 50		
Elkton,	448	81	10		7	83	439	530	68 76	15 56	8 00	7 00		
North East,	225	69	10		3	41	186	400	266 00	8 20	6 30	14 75		
Port Deposit,	256	95	14		4	53	221	770	76 00	7 00	4 40	4 64		
Zion,	185	60	118	1	4	42	185	700	111 00	20 00	4 58	8 16		
Oxford,	381	12	2		2	56	337	625	74 00	13 32	9 12	9 34		
Fulton,	311	15			6	65	216	350	101 37	7 40	2 75	5 04		
Strasburg,	342	94	3		6	117	740	1402	40 00	10 00	6 77	6 27		
Cochranville,	248	44			11	51	293	1211	79 00	9 50	5 79	5 70		
Brandywine,	290	46			5	66	342	755	47 05	10 31	6 38	8 81		
Chester,	361	95			7	94	600	900	63 00	10 00	3 45	6 55		
Chester circuit,	161	37			4	31	307	750	30 00	3 50	2 10	3 23		
Mount Lebanon,	198	55			1	36	246	740	106 84	4 91	4 08	4 50		
Mount Salem,	198	43			3	45	282	328	67 50	5 66	5 42	3 73		
	170	20			1	24	200	800	28 35	3 25		2 00		
	5577	1027	639	57	43	7			1852 76	264 63	115 58	144 79		

	White members.	White probationers.	Colored members.	Colored probationers.	Local preachers.	Colored preachers.	Schools.	Officers and teachers.	Scholars.	Books.	Missionary money.	Bible money.	Education money.	S. School money.	
<i>Easton District.</i>															
Smyrna,	238		15												
" Circuit,	618	70	178		8	5	3	9	108	475	950	221 00	10 27	6 14	10 50
Dover,	554	70	278		8	1	1	7	118	553	1667	276 42	108 56	8 00	11 81
Frederica,	796	134	94		2	2	9	126	640	2183	216 98	16 08	6 36	9 17	
Vernon,	502	84	70		12	2	1	6	42	261	600	12 82	2 53	1 25	4 00
Milford,	230	30	106		2	2	2	2	23	144	630	24 18	2 60	1 62	1 60
Denton,	582	92	284		10	5	3	4	53	240	48 80	7 75	3 65	4 92	
Greensborough,	556	71	381		2	1	6	38	181	325	66 46	3 74		5 75	
Talbot,	603	47	168		31	1	5	73	300	605	308 60	17 66	10 00	12 68	
Easton,	488	6	203		2	2	1	11	112	396	130 00		5 25	1 30	
Centreville,	382	40	412		20	3	3	42	145	230	142 51	26 00	7 00	7 00	
Church Hill,	790	57	422		11	4	2	6	42	237	735	66 01	14 00	2 74	4 61
Kent,	400	54	500		18	3	4	5	50	193	1174	228 18	42 38	10 71	15 30
Millington,	345	14	358		30	1	7	80	350	800	164 00	12 50	15 00	12 09	
	7084	769	3569		150	32	19				1972 88	351 41	82 75	105 01	
<i>Snow Hill District.</i>															
Seaford,	516	32	203		9	2	6	85	350	799	92 75	11 32	3 43	7 18	
Federalsburg,	355	22	94		5	2	4	28	175	280	49 49	4 48		7 97	
Dorchester,	456	36	541		35	7	11	61	482	218	143 58	11 01	5 96	7 50	
Church Creek,	527	31	366		34	2	4	5	33	140	605	106 00	12 12	5 12	6 00
Cambridge,	336	22	393		13	2	3	3	47	150	320	181 00	12 51	4 85	7 25
Quantico,	185	24	124		1	1	1	7	50	70	108 50	7 10	5 00	5 00	
Salisbury,	500	46	250		19	3	5	37	155	415	236 00	2 87	5 25	4 10	
Princess Ann,	637	61	370		4	1	5	30	170	150	264 23	6 02	2 00	9 05	
Annemessex,	479		200		4	1					56 00	15 14		11 30	
Accomac,	535	150	293		60	1	6	36	210	125	181 25	18 00	10 00	8 00	
Northampton,	313	25	250		55	6	4	31	202	180	217 06	18 01	4 41	6 00	
Snow Hill,	510	36	433		7	3	3	2	26	170	200	71 53	7 23	3 77	2 53
Berlin,	652	122	199		4	2	7	62	379	624	74 00	8 50	5 00	7 50	
Worcester Mission,	339	40	47		5	1	2	10	85	63	40 25			1 05	
Lewes,	720	51	34		2	8	80	560	1000	38 00	12 00		3 50		
Georgetown,	304		12		1	4	39	219	550	40 00	5 65	2 88	4 75		
Laurel,	570	86	145		1	1	8	45	272	535	84 02	4 31	2 75	7 00	
	7934	787	3954		246	42	19				1984 26	156 29	61 21	98 68	

RECAPITULATION.

	White Mem.	White Prob.	Colored Mem.	Colored Prob.	Local Preachers.	Miss. Money.	Bible Money.	Education Money.	S. School Money.
N. Philada. District,	7467	1376	163	6	55	2	3808.35	369.79	137.40
S. Philada. "	7184	1084	79	2	69	3	3194.10	323.64	156.41
Reading "	3854	785	20		35		1680.08	197.48	77.55
Wilmington "	5577	1027	639	57	43	7	1852.76	264.63	115.58
Easton "	7084	769	3569	150	32	17	1972.88	351.41	82.75
Snow Hill "	7934	787	3954	246	42	19	1984.26	156.29	61.21
White members	39100	5828	8424	461	276	48	14492.13	1663.21	630.90
Probationers,	5828		461						786.69
Local Preachers,	276		48						
Total this year	45204		8933						
Total last year	43345		8990						

Increase of whites 1859

57 Decrease of colored.

Quest. 14. *Where have the Preachers been stationed?*

NORTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, Joseph Castle, P. E.

St. Georges,	F. Hodgson.
Trinity,	D. W. Bartine.
Eighth Street and Spring Garden,	Wm. Urie.
Fifth Street,	J. A. Roach.
St. John's,	G. R. Crooks.
Kensington,	P. Coombe.
Sanctuary,	Wm. Barnes.
New Market Street,	G. Quigley.
Twelfth Street,	Wm. H. Elliott.
Cohoeksink,	J. Thompson.
Emory Mission,	Wm. L. Gray.
N. City H. Mission,	A. Manship.
Summerfield Mission,	E. R. Williams.
Port Richmond,	Wm. Major.
Zoar, and John Wesley,	To be supplied.
Milestown,	S. Townsend.
Lehman's Chapel and Fairview Miss.	Wm. B. Wood.
Doylestown,	Wm. W. McMichael.
Frankford,	J. Cunningham.
Bridesburg,	Wm. C. Robinson.
Bustleton,	R. M. Greenbank.
Holmesburg,	J. H. Boyd.
Bristol,	M. H. Sisty.
Attleborough,	J. Y. Ashton.
New Town,	J. A. Watson, M. A. Day.
Allentown,	To be supplied.
Easton,	J. R. Anderson.
South Easton,	E. Townsend.
Richmond,	T. W. Simpers.
Stroudsburg,	J. F. Boon.
Cherry Valley,	J. Hubbard.

J. W. McCaskey, Agent of the Phil. Conf. Tract Society.

J. P. Durbin, Cor. Sec. Miss. Soc. M. E. Church.

SOUTH PHILADELPHIA DISTRICT, T. J. Thompson, P. E.

Union,	Wm. M. D. Ryan, J. Mitchell, sup.
Nazareth,	E. Miller,
Ebenezer,	M. D. Kurtz,
Mariner's Bethel,	A. John,
Wharton Street,	J. Sewell,
St. Paul's,	P. J. Cox,
Salem,	Wm. Cooper,
Western Church,	J. W. Arthur, S. Higgins, sup.
Kelly S. City H. Mission,	W. E. England.
West Philadelphia, Asbury,	J. McCarter.
" Mantua,	J. Dickerson.
" Third M. E. Church,	T. S. Johnson.
Haddington Mission,	J. Henry.

Monroeville Mission,	C. R. Currey.
Radnor,	H. Sutton, one to be supplied.
Village Green,	I. T. Cooper, H. A. Hobbs, H. G. King, sup.
Crozierville,	G. W. McLaughlin.
Lancaster, 1st Church,	Wm. Bishop.
" 2d Church,	J. H. Alday.
Safe Harbor,	D. L. Patterson.
Columbia,	J. Mason.
Marietta,	S. Patterson.
Mount Joy and Bainbridge,	G. W. Brindle.
Harrisburg,	A. Cookman.
Dauphin and Hummelstown Miss.	H. Sanderson, J. S. Lane.
Halifax,	J. S. Cook, H. H. Hickman.
H. M. Johnson, Professor in Dickinson College, Member of Harrisburg Quarterly Conf.	

READING DISTRICT, J. D. Curtis, P. E.

Reading, Ebenezer,	J. Ruth.
" St. Peter's Mission,	N. Heston.
Pottsville, 1st church and St. Clair,	J. L. Taft, J. Neil, sup.
" 2d church,	C. F. Turner.
Pottstown,	J. Hand, Wm. H. Manlove.
Phoenixville,	C. J. Crouch, J. F. Meredith.
West Chester,	C. Karsner.
Norristown,	H. S. Atmore.
Bethel and Evansburg,	E. Reed.
Grove,	J. H. Turner.
Manayunk, Mount Zion,	H. R. Calloway.
" Ebenezer,	T. A. Fernley.
Germantown,	G. D. Bowen.
Chesnut Hill Mission,	T. Snowden Thomas.
Springfield,	A. Freed, one to be supplied.
Waynesburg,	J. Carlisle, A. Longacre.
Lebanon and Reading Furnace Miss.	H. B. Mauger, one to be supplied.
Tremont and Pine Grove,	J. T. Gracey.
Minersville,	J. E. Meredith.
Port Carbon,	J. H. Wythes.
Schuylkill Haven and Port Clinton,	L. B. Beckley.
Middleport Mission,	To be supplied.
Tamaqua and Tuscarora Mission,	G. Orem.
Mauch Chunk,	J. B. McCullough.
J. Colder and J. W. Wiley, Missionaries to China.	

WILMINGTON DISTRICT, A. Atwood, P. E.

Wilmington, Asbury,	R. Gerry.
" St. Paul's,	G. D. Carrow.
" Union,	J. Humphries.
E. Zion,	To be supplied.
Newcastle Mission,	Wm. B. Walton.

Delaware City,  
 Middletown and Cantwell's Bridge,  
 Newark,  
 Elkton,  
 North East,  
 Port Deposit,  
 Zion,  
 Oxford,  
 Fulton,  
 Strasburg,  
 Cochranville,  
 Brandywine,  
 Chester, Mission,  
 Chester Circuit,  
 Mount Lebanon,  
 Mount Salem,  
 Kennett square Mission,  
 Wm. McCoombs, Agent of Wilmington F. Coll. Inst.  
 J. C. Thomas, Agent of Dickinson College.

T. Sumption, R. Owen.  
 J. Aspril.  
 J. L. Houston, one to be supplied.  
 E. J. Way, W. L. Boswell.  
 L. Storks, F. B. Harvey.  
 H. Colelazer.  
 S. R. Gillingham, Wm. M. Dalrymple.  
 J. Cummins, A. Howard.  
 J. Edwards, one to be supplied.  
 V. Gray, J. B. Dennison.  
 S. G. Hare, J. O'Neil.  
 J. Shields, J. N. King.  
 J. B. Maddux.  
 W. H. Brisbane.  
 W. H. Burrell, J. Talley, sup.  
 Wm. Mullen.  
 To be supplied.

## EASTON DISTRICT, T. J. Quigley, P. E.

Smyrna,  
 " Circuit,  
 Dover,  
 Frederica,  
 Vernon Mission,  
 Milford,  
 Denton,  
 Greensborough,  
 Talbot,  
 Easton,  
 Centreville,  
 Kent Island,  
 Sudlersville,  
 Kent,  
 Millington,  
 C. J. Thompson, Agent, Wilmington Female Collegiate Institute,  
 member of Easton Qr. Conf.

T. C. Murphy.  
 G. W. Lybrand. One to be supplied.  
 H. E. Gilroy, R. W. Todd.  
 D. Lambdin, W. M. Warner.  
 J. Bell. One to be supplied.  
 S. Annear.  
 T. Newman, L. C. Pettit, G. Lacey, sup.  
 J. B. Ayres. One to be supplied.  
 B. F. Price, S. Grace, sup.  
 J. T. Hazzard, J. H. Lightburn, J. D.  
 Long, sup.  
 H. F. Hurn, J. P. Merritt, G. Barton,  
 sup.  
 J. J. Jones.  
 S. M. Cooper, J. Gregg.  
 J. A. Massey, S. W. Thomas.  
 J. Flanery, D. R. Thomas.

## SNOW HILL DISTRICT, D. Daily, P. E.

Seaford,  
 Federalsburg,  
 Dorchester,  
 Church Creek,  
 Hooper's and Elliott's Island,  
 Cambridge,  
 Quantico,  
 Salisbury,

S. Pancoast, G. A. Phoebus.  
 I. R. Merrill.  
 J. Hargis, J. F. Chaplain.  
 R. E. Kemp, T. B. Miller.  
 D. Titlow.  
 V. Smith, J. Pasterfield, J. Turner, sup.  
 C. L. Steinman.  
 S. C. Palmiter, J. W. Hammersly.

Princess Ann,  
 Annessex,  
 Accomac,  
 Northampton,  
 New-Town Mission,  
 Snow Hill,  
 Berlin,  
 Worcester Mission,  
 Lewes,  
 Georgetown,  
 Laurel,  
 D. D. Lore, Missionary to Beunos Ayres, S. A.  
 G. F. Kettell, transferred to New York Conference.

A. W. Milby, J. B. Quigg.  
 J. A. Brindle, G. P. Leatherbury.  
 C. Hill, S. Dobson.  
 J. Allen.  
 Wm. Merrill, W. Quinn, sup.  
 R. H. Pattison. One to be supplied.  
 Wm. Rink. One to be supplied.  
 To be supplied.  
 A. Wallace, C. Shoek.  
 J. Hough.  
 Joseph Smith, T. Childs.

Quest. 15. *When and where shall the next Conference be held?*  
 Reading, Pennsylvania, March 22d, 1854.

Quest. 16. *What has been collected for the superannuated preachers, and the widows and orphans of preachers.*

## N. Philadelphia District.

	Confer. Ten Cent		South Philadelphia District.	
	Coll.	Coll.	Confer. Ten Cent	Coll.
St. George's	\$35 00	\$64 09	Union	\$66 81 \$200 25
Trinity	37 06	81 47	Nazareth	33 43 72 62
Eighth Street	78 00	80 00	Ebenezer	25 00 61 83
Fifth Street	50 00	53 85	Mariner's Bethel	20 10 14 40
St. John's	16 39	34 00	Wharton Street	10 00 43 86
Kensington	17 03	30 56	St. Paul's	16 36 28 04
Snnetuary	5 00	3 50	Salem	40 00 77 41
New Market Street	7 35	12 25	Western Church Miss.	12 32 18 63
Twelfth Street	30 50	31 34	Asbury	12 00 13 00
Cohocksink	10 00	8 40	Kelley S. City Mis-	
Bethlehem	7 84	10 90	sion	
N. City Home Mission			John Wesley	1 45
Summerfield Mission	5 81	5 00	Haddington and Monroe-	
Port Richmond	19 00	11 33	ville Mission	4 10 5 00
Zoar	3 85		Radnor	10 00 16 71
Milestown	15 82	15 35	Village Green	7 25 27 21
Lehman's Chapel and			Rockdale	5 27 10 00
Fairview	3 23	5 61	West Chester	9 00 9 75
Doylestown	5 00	6 20	Lancaster 1st Church	20 10 20 50
Frankford	8 85	15 74	" 2nd Church	3 50 7 50
Bridesburg	6 25	4 12	Safe Harbor	6 00 6 00
Bustleton	17 25	8 31	Columbia	27 60 7 08
Bristol	14 37	7 68	Marietta	5 00 6 88
Attleborough	10 00	10 00	Mount-Joy and Bain-	
Newtown	12 13	15 41	bridge	8 66 9 00
Allentown and Bethle-			Harrisburg	20 00 22 46
hem	2 05	1 04	Dauphin & Hummels-	
Quakertown Mission	3 01	4 12	town Mission	5 00 5 00
Easton	8 18	15 01	Halifax	7 23 11 71
Richmond	8 30	12 45		
Stroudsburg	11 06	12 76		
	\$448 33	\$560 50		\$376 18 \$694 84

Reading District.			Wilmington District.		
	Confer. Coll.	Ten Cent Coll.		Confer. Coll.	Ten Cent Coll.
Reading, Ebenezer	\$14 75	\$6 00	Wilmington, Asbury	\$32 36	\$56 10
" St. Peter's Miss.			" St. Paul's	27 70	32 28
Pottsville, 1st Church and St. Clair	25 00	11 25	" Union Miss.	11 12	15 30
Pottsville, 2d Church	4 00	5 00	E. Zion		3 00
Springfield	19 28	20 62	New Castle	3 25	3 18
Pottstown	19 34	17 57	Delaware City	12 35	13 28
Phoenixville Mission	4 91	7 75	Middletown and Cantwell's Bridge	6 48	13 60
Bethel and Evansburg	7 53	6 66	Newark	15 00	18 00
Grove	10 87	26 92	Elkton	14 31	20 50
Norristown	6 00	9 12	North East	16 00	12 00
Manayunk, Mt. Zion	18 40	15 70	Port Deposit	11 37	8 22
" Ebenezer	5 64	6 03	Zion	16 12	11 18
Germantown	29 05	31 44	Oxford	14 77	3 50
Chesnut Hill Mission	2 00	5 71	Fulton	10 18	8 00
Lebanon	7 74	14 22	Strasburg	11 11	10 45
Tremont and Pine Grove Miss.	2 00	2 00	Cochranville	9 21	15 56
Minersville	5 00	9 25	Brandywine	13 00	16 00
Port Carbon	10 00	13 00	Chester	4 52	11 00
Schuylkill Haven and Port Clinton	1 25	3 30	Chester Circuit	7 61	13 05
Tamaqua Mission	12 43	9 00	Mount Lebanon	7 13	8 40
Mauch Chunk	3 65	4 30	Mount Salem	5 00	10 50
	\$208 84	\$224 85		\$248 59	\$303 10

Easton District.			Snow Hill District.		
	Confer. Coll.	Ten Cent Coll.		Confer. Coll.	Ten Cent Coll.
Smyrna	\$10 62	\$11 15	Seaford	\$5 89	\$25 93
" Circuit	10 00	15 25	Federalburg	1 05	2 67
Dover	18 00	32 83	Dorchester	20 00	11 30
Frederica	15 00	15 00	Church Creek	14 00	26 00
Vernon Mission	5 50	7 35	Cambridge	16 50	16 30
Millford	7 50	15 00	Quantico	6 00	0 00
Denton	7 76	9 00	Salisbury	16 00	12 15
Greensborough	7 12	9 50	Princess Ann	21 81	00 00
Talbot	18 06	25 65	Annamessex	29 56	00 00
Easton	11 50	14 00	Accomac	19 30	36 95
Centreville	14 00	14 00	Northampton	10 00	10 00
Church Hill	8 06	10 21	Snow Hill	8 67	5 75
Kent	24 53	39 00	Berlin	10 00	4 37
Millington	20 00	32 09	Worcester Mission	6 40	11 00
	177 56	250 03	Lewes	6 75	7 25
Mite Money from			Georgetown	6 25	3 75
Quantico	6 00		Laurel	7 00	
Salisbury	12 35			\$205 18	\$179 80
Princess Ann	31 58				
Annamessex	18 00				
	67 93				

## RECAPITULATION.

	Confer. Coll.	Ten Cent Coll.
North Philadelphia District	\$448 33	\$560 50
South Philadelphia	376 18	694 84
Reading District	208 84	224 85
Wilmington District	248 59	303 10
Easton District	177 65	250 03
Snow Hill District	205 18	179 80
	1664 77	2213 12
Ten Cent	2913 12	
Mite Societies	67 93	
Chartered Fund	76 00	
Interest on Centenary Fund	426 00	
	4447 82	
Excess	13 77	
	4461 59	
Amount necessary to meet the Disciplinary claims	6746 63	
Received from various sources as per report	4461 59	
Deficit	2285 04	

The above amount was distributed as follows:

Mrs. Roberts,	\$2 63	" Connelly,	110 00
Henry White,	23 00	" Harner,	100 00
Eliphalet Reed,	46 00	H. G. King,	175 00
John Lednum,	46 00	Mrs. Allen,	190 00
Solomon Higgins,*	46 00	M. Sorin,	190 00
Mrs. Williams,	23 00	George Barton,	135 00
James Neil,	60 00	Mrs. Quimby,	85 00
John Talley,	23 00	" Henderson,	35 00
Mrs. Smith,	23 00	" Lybrand,	65 00
John Henry,	46 00	" Poits,	70 00
Mrs. Bayne,	27 00	" Rusling,	65 00
Mrs. Willett,	23 00	" Nicholson,	80 00
George Wiltshire,	100 00	" Wiggins,	70 00
John D. Long,	200 00	" Foulke,	75 00
Mrs. Ryder,	110 00	" Campbell,	90 00
" McClenehan,	80 00	" Ridgley,	90 00
" Finley,	110 00	" Hill,	65 00
" Shields,	200 00	" Vanscoick,	60 00
" Bissey,	80 00	Samuel Grace,	150 00
" Leonard,	100 00	Bro. Allen's child,	24 00
" Drain,	100 00		
" Spry,	130 00		
" Gardiner,	160 00	Centenary Fund,	426 00
" Warfield,	90 00	Surplus,	2 96
" McElwee,	90 00		
" Taylor,	90 00		
" Best,	80 00		
			\$4032 63
			426 00
			2 96
			4461 59

\* Given to Sisters Warfield and Shields.

## Distribution of the Centenary Fund.

	\$10 00	" Lybrand	15 00
Samuel Grace,	5 00	" Potts	10 00
Mrs. Bissey,	15 00	" Best	10 00
George Wiltshire,	15 00	" Rusling	10 00
J. D. Long,	20 00	" Nicholson	10 00
Mrs. Rydor,	10 00	" Wiggins	15 00
" McClenehan,	20 00	" Foulks	10 00
" Finley,	15 00	" Campbell	10 00
" Leonard,	10 00	" Ridgely	10 00
" Drain,	15 00	" Vanscoick	5 00
" Spry,	17 00	" Harmer	10 00
" Gardiner,	12 00	" Shields	20 00
" Warfield,	12 00	" Connelly	20 00
" McElwee,	15 00	Geo. Barton	10 00
" Taylor,	20 00	H. G. King	20 00
M. Sorin,	15 00		
Mrs. Allen,	15 00		
" Quimby	15 00		
			\$426 46

## COURSE OF STUDY AND COMMITTEES OF EXAMINATION.

## First Year.

1. Bible—Doctrines. 2. Watson's Institutes, (first part.) 3. Wesley's plain account of Christian perfection. 4. English Grammar and Mitchell's modern Geography. 5. Essay or Sermon.

Committee.—G. R. Crooks, Wm. H. Brisbane, James Flannery, A. W. Milby.

## Second Year.

1. Bible—Sacraments. 2. Watson's Institutes, (second part.) 3. Peck's Christian perfection, (12mo. ed.) 4. Fletcher's Appeal. 5. Methodist Discipline. 6. Essay or Sermon.

Committee.—H. Colclazer, Wm. Bishop, J. McCarter, B. F. Price.

## Third Year.

1. Bible—History and Chronology. 2. Watson's Institutes, (third part.) 3. Butler's Analogy. 4. Ruter's Church History. 5. Newman's Rhetoric, and Hedge's Logic. 6. Essay or Sermon.

Committee.—D. W. Bartine, J. T. Hazzard, Joseph Mason, G. D. Carrow.

## Fourth Year.

1. Review of the whole Course. 2. Watson's Institutes, (fourth part.) 3. Claude's Essay on the composition and delivery of a sermon. 4. Horne's Introduction. 5. Essay or Sermon.

Committee.—C. Karsner, J. A. Massey, Wm. Barnes, J. A. Roach.

Committee appointed to examine Local Preachers who are Candidates for Ordination. (For course of study, see late ed. Discipline.)

Deacons' Orders.—R. Gerry, T. Newman, M. D. Kurtz.

Elders' Orders.—I. T. Cooper, Elijah Miller, V. Smith.

## VISITING COMMITTEES.

Dickinson College.—G. R. Crooks, R. H. Pattison.

" " Seminary.—J. L. Taft, A. Cookman.

Pennington.—D. W. Bartine, James McCarter.

Wilmington Female Coll. Institute.—E. Miller, G. D. Carrow.

Missionary Sermon.—J. P. Durbin; H. Colclazer, alternate.

## RESOLUTIONS.

I. That the conference and ten-cent collections be handed to the Stewards on the second day of conference; and that the preachers be and are hereby requested to bring their money in as large sums as possible, neatly put up and marked with the amount, the name of the appointment and of the preacher, and the object to which it is to be appropriated.

II. That the members of this Conference, who may be in charge of circuits or stations, be, and are hereby requested to bring to the next Conference, for the use of the Stewards, a written statement of the number, and circumstances of all the claimants upon the Conference funds, who may reside in their several charges, and that particular attention be paid to the number and ages of all the children entitled to a share of our collections.

III. Whereas, The religious welfare of our youth in our seminaries of learning, is to the Church ever the object of first importance; and Whereas, By general agreement of most of our colleges and some of the churches, the fourth Thursday in February is annually observed as a day of prayer for colleges, therefore, Resolved, That we will, as far as practicable, observe and recommend to our people to observe the concert of prayer for colleges.

IV. That the collections ordered by this Conference be taken at the following periods of the Conference year, viz: 1. Bible collection in June—2. Sunday School in July, August, or September—3. Education in October—4. The Missionary in December or January—5. Philadelphia Conference in February and March—6. Ten Cent during the year, at the discretion of each pastor.

The following Resolutions, offered by H. Colclazer, were adopted and ordered to be printed in the Minutes, viz.:

Resolved, That the action of the last General Conference, in providing for the formation of Catechism classes among children, by the Preachers having charge of Circuits and Stations, as may be seen by reference to the Discipline, Chap. iv. Sec. xi. Paragraph 16; and Chap. vi. Ans. 3, Page 86, is one of the most important pastoral duties provided for in the economy of our Church; and is of the highest moral and religious importance. And also

Resolved, That the Presiding Elders having charge of Districts, and Preachers having charge of Circuits and Stations, be most earnestly advised to carry this measure of the General Conference into effect.

The following was offered by Dr. Durbin, adopted, and by request ordered to be published in the Minutes.

Resolved, That we approve of the National Magazine, and that we will use our influence for its circulation among our people.

## ST. PETER'S M. E. CHURCH, READING, PA.

Whereas, many generous and liberal contributions have been made during the past year, to relieve the St. Peter's M. E. Church, of Reading, Pa., therefore

Resolved, That the thanks of this Conference are due, and are hereby extended to those churches and individuals, who have so nobly responded to this call upon their benevolence.

And whereas, the said Church is still distressingly involved in debt, and cannot be sustained without further aid from abroad, therefore

Resolved, That the Pastor, Rev. N. Heston, have the sanction of this Conference in continuing his appeals, personally, or otherwise, to the churches within its bounds, during the ensuing year.

## MEMOIR.

Rev. JAMES SMITH was born May 15, 1788, in Kent county, in the State of Delaware, and was converted to God in the year 1804, at the house of a local preacher, of the name of Hardesty. He was received on trial as an itinerant minister in the Philadelphia Conference, in 1811, and was appointed, successively, to Accomac, Dorchester, Snow Hill, Somerset, and Kent circuits; in 1818, he was appointed, with others, to St. George's charge in Philadelphia, where he remained two years; afterwards he was appointed to Talbot, Queen Anne's, Smyrna, and again to Kent circuits; in 1828, he was stationed at Bridgeton, New-Jersey; in 1830, in consequence of ill-health, he became supernumerary, and so continued until 1833, when he was stationed at Burlington, New-Jersey; after the lapse of two years he was stationed at Kensington, in Philadelphia; his next appointment was to the North Philadelphia district, as presiding elder, from which he passed to the South Philadelphia district; in 1845, he was again stationed at Kensington, after that at Manayunk; in 1848, he was appointed to Wilmington district, upon which he continued four years, and upon which at the close of his term, on the 30th of March, while the conference was in session, he died. He was taken sick in December, 1851, just as he was entering upon his last round of quarterly meetings. The last that he attended were in Wilmington, Del. His last sermon was preached in St. Paul's church. It is worthy of note, that two of the preachers who have died during this conference year—the Rev. David Shields, and the subject of this memoir—delivered their last public messages in that pulpit.

Brother Smith entertained hopes of recovery until very near his end; at the same time, he was delivered from the fear of death, and was quietly submissive to the will of God. He felt a deep interest in the prosperity of the Church, and conversed with animation upon the subject, as long as he was able to converse. Whenever his spiritual condition and prospects were referred to, as they very frequently were, he expressed full confidence in his personal, saving interest in Christ. To the Rev. Daniel Lamden, who visited him a few days before his death, he said, "My dear friend, I shall get home: glory to God, I shall get home."

On the night immediately preceding his departure, he could not articulate so as to be understood; but afterwards his strength revived. About 2 o'clock in the morning he heard singing in the street, and inquired if it were in the room. He was then asked, by the Rev. John Thompson, who, with others, sat up with him, "If he would be pleased to hear singing." He said, "Yes." They then sang the familiar, and, at that time, very appropriate hymn, commencing with the words "On Jordan's stormy banks I stand," and afterwards another hymn. He then asked them to pray. After this, it was perceived that he could articulate better than he had done at any time during the preceding day. The Rev. William Elliott, his son-in-law, approached him, and said, "You are now not only on Jordan's stormy banks, but wading through its deep waters." He replied, "Do you think so!" Brother Elliott rejoined, "Yes, I know it." He then inquired respecting the opinion of the physician. The answer was, "The doctor says you can live but a few hours longer." He replied, "Then it is so—we must part: but I want you to be perfectly calm, as I have a few things to say to you." He then requested that his little grand-children should be brought and placed by his side, so that he might lay his hands upon them. This being done, he said, "Now I am ready. My wife, my son, my grandchildren, your husband and father is about to die and leave you. Be kind to each other." To the children he said, "Obey your grandmother, and your father. Be good children, and give your hearts to God in your youth." Then addressing all present, he added, "I dedicated myself to Christ when a boy of sixteen years; nor have I ever wilfully withdrawn the trust confided to him. I have committed errors, as all mortals are liable to do, but I feel that the atonement of Christ has availed for them all, and I am now fully and freely justified through

his blood. My faith is unshaken, my prospects are clear; meet me, all of you—meet me in heaven." He then offered for them a short prayer, after which he raised his voice and exclaimed, with great distinctness and emphasis than he had been able to command for some time, "Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!" and, dropping his voice, he added, "That is all I have to say; I am now satisfied." After this, he asked for a little water. About day-break he was addressed by one present, and several passages of Scripture quoted to him, in which occurred the expression, "exceeding great and precious promises." He repeated these words in response. After this, his lips moving, probably in prayer or praise, it was supposed that he might want something. His answer not being understood, brother Elliott said to him, "We do not understand you." To this, with great effort, he replied, "I am perfectly rational." These were his last words. In about one hour he expired.

His funeral was attended by a large concourse of Preachers and friends. The former met at the place where the conference was held, and moved in procession to the house of mourning, and thence to the place of burial. He was interred in the graveyard connected with the Ebenezer Church, in Christian street. According to his request, his funeral sermon was preached by the Rev. F. Hodgson, on the next Sabbath, in the Union Church, to a large and attentive audience.

Thus the fathers pass away. It becomes us, who step forward to fill their vacated places, to emulate their virtues, and improve diligently the opportunities of doing good which remain to us. Our departed brother has left us, in many respects, a bright example: he exemplified the domestic virtues; he loved ardently the Church of God; he was warm in his attachment, and faithful in his friendship; he was honest, frank, candid and reliable—a man of plain and pointed speech, fearlessly rebuking sin. Many tears have been shed over his memory; many anticipate, with great pleasure, a re-union with him in heaven.

"Soldier of Christ, well done!  
Rest from thy loved employ;  
The battle's fought, the victory won,  
Enter thy Master's joy."